

has the public business been suffered to accumulate by procrastination in the house of delegates, less than at the present.

Among the bills sent up by us within the few last days, a vast majority are private bills of the plainest kind, and we had hoped that your honourable body, consisting of fifteen members, would have found it practicable to move with equal expedition as this house with eighty.

Your message informs us of very important measures now before the senate—while we cannot but regret that these important measures had not earlier attracted your attention, we admit that it is to be expected, that all things will now be done in order.

This house has been for some time without any thing to do. With no wish to precipitate the action of your honourable body, we respectfully decline your proposition to adjourn finally on Saturday the 26th inst.

We indulge the hope that your honourable body will find it practicable to close the session at an earlier day, without failing to give to the subjects before you all the consideration required.

We shall hold ourselves ready to adjourn whenever your honourable body will inform us, that such is the case.

By order,

G. G. Brewer, Clk.

Mr. Gantt from the committee reported a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of sundry poor persons in the several counties therein mentioned.

Which was read.

The door-keeper having returned, reported, that in obedience to order he had notified the absent members that their attendance in the house was required.

The house then proceeded to consider the bill, entitled, An act to promote internal improvement, by the construction of a rail road from Baltimore to the city of Washington.

Mr. Wootton moved to amend the preamble of the bill by striking out in the 18th line, after the word "operation" to the word "or," in the 21st line. On the question being put, it was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Wootton. the preamble was amended by striking out in the 22d line of said preamble the words "one half" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "three fourths."